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I support Bill HB 5147 for CMV awareness education for all pregnant women, and CMV testing and treatment for newborns !

*CMV is a benign virus in children. **IF women know** about CMV and its effects in the first place, CMV birth defects are preventable. A friend contracted CMV while pregnant. She has a toddler who might have brought it home to her mom. Since the mother had never been exposed to CMV and contracted it while pregnant, the baby's health was affected to a devastating extent. They made the horrendous decision to let hospice care for the infant who lived 16 days. How do you think the families of a CMV baby feel when they find it might have been prevented had they known CMV is deadly to the babies of unexposed mothers??*

I urge you to support CMV awareness and education so that mothers can be tested for absence of antibodies before or just after becoming pregnant. This is the only way they will know they need to be tested and take steps to avoid sharing body fluids with potential carriers.

As Utah also saw the light, I hope you will support healthy babies in this easy and low-cost way. Since there are no other sources for this information to be given to newly pregnant women, it is urgently important that you take this step.

Sincerely hopeful and grateful for your consideration,

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I had not heard of congenital CMV before my friend lost her second child, Madeline Leigh, on February 12th due to CMV related complications. Madeline was only 12 days old.

It only takes a few minutes of on-line research to discover that CMV is a common virus and not harmful among toddlers, that is transmitted by exchange of body fluids. In those same few minutes of research it becomes clear that there are simple precautionary measures that pregnant women can implement to lower the incidence of infection. Women who want to expand their families deserve to know that there is a risk of infection and that there are simple measures they can take to significantly reduce that risk.

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Thank you all for your continued love and support,

Mary